

## ***DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD***

### **Minutes – March 18, 2002**

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street North.

#### **Members Present**

David Babich  
Michele Chauncey  
Charlotte Foster  
Larry Frutiger  
Tim Goodpasture  
Joe Johnson\*  
Mike Jones  
Mike Pompeo  
Kathy Wegner

#### **Members Absent**

Kevin Bright\*  
Martha Bruce Fair  
John Fuller  
Shirley Jefferson

#### **Guests**

Charley Larsen  
Cecil Masters  
Karen Sumler  
Paul Treadwell  
Max Weddle

#### **Staff**

Walt Bratton, Parks & Rec  
Jack Brown, Health  
Leah Hoffman, Parks & Rec  
Matt Jordan, CMO  
Mike Lindebak, Public Works  
Capt. Gary Tabor, WPD

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**Vice Mayor Joe Pisciotte** called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

**Michele Chauncey (Goodpasture)** moved the minutes of the January 14, 2002 & February 4, 2002 be approved as submitted.

**Mike Jones (Chauncey)** moved the agenda be approved as submitted.

No items were submitted for the public agenda, planning agenda, unfinished business agenda, or the traffic agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **1. Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Median**

Park and Recreation staff, **Leah Hoffman** and **Walt Bratton**, presented the *Adopt-a-Park/Adopt-A-Median* program, which is geared towards encouraging community groups to take responsibility for maintaining specified areas throughout the city. Residents are being encouraged to help maintain and beautify common areas within their neighborhoods. Citizens could plant shrubs, trees, flowers, etc. and/or pick up debris. Mowing of common areas would also be acceptable.

**Vice Mayor Pisciotte** asked if there was any downside to this program.

**Hoffman** replied that programs such as these help raise civic pride and that there isn't any identified downside.

**Michele Chauncey** asked if neighborhood groups would be required to present maintenance plans to Parks Department.

**Bratton** stated appropriate staff would review each maintenance plan.

**Larry Frutiger** asked if Parks would still budget for park maintenance.

**Hoffman** responded maintenance would continue to be budgeted fully and that Parks would continually monitor these areas. If necessary parks staff would maintain adopted areas.

**Action taken: received and filed.**

2. **Creation of an Improvement District for Paving within the K.T. Wiedemann Business Park.**

**Mike Lindebak**, Public Works, presented this petition for the creation of an improvement district for paving within the K.T. Wiedemann Business Park. A petition representing 90.18% of the improvement district area has been submitted in support of the paving project.

The estimated project cost for the paving project is \$244,000. The proposed method of assessment is the fractional basis and these assessments would last 15 years. Owners have the option of paying the costs up front.

**Paul Treadwell** asked if the lot sizes are being replatted and what are the proposed uses.

**Lindebak** replies that some of the lots were being made smaller and there would be a reduction in the number of streets. He is unsure as to the proposed uses.

**Treadwell** asked if the proposed configuration would fit the future plans for Kellogg. He also stated he's opposed to the project until the purposes and proposed uses are understood. He would like the item postpones until further discussion takes place.

**Tim Goodpasture (Pompeo)** moved the recommendation be approves as submitted. The motion passed (8-0).

**Action taken: recommended approval as submitted.**

3. **29th Street North Construction Project between Rock Road and Webb Road.**

**Mike Lindebak**, City Engineer, presented a design for improvements to 29th Street North between Rock Road and Webb Road, and a companion signalization project on Webb Rd. Near K-96.

These Capital Improvement Plan projects are scheduled to begin construction in August 2002. MKEC Engineering Consultants developed the designs for these projects. The 29th Street project will widen 29th Street to four-lanes. Non-mountable medians will be emplaced to provide protected turning movements into business and residential areas.

The signalization project will provide three traffic signals strategically placed near K-96 and Webb Road. These traffic signals meet traffic warrants and are necessary to increase safety and help alleviate traffic congestion. Three sets of signal will be emplaced. One set both north and south of K-96, and another set near 29th and Webb Road.

**Vice Mayor Pisciotte** asked if there would be any need to acquire land for these projects.

**Lindebak** replied that all the land need for these projects is currently owned by the City of Wichita.

**Mike Jones** asked for the current order of CIP projects in northeast Wichita.

**Lindebak** responded the current schedule is: 1) Rock Road 32nd to K-96; 2) 21st and Rock Road; 3) 29th Street Rock Road to Webb Road; and 4) Rock Road 21st to 29th Street North.

**David Babich** asked how many entrances will the Terra Cota development have on Rock Road.

**Lindebak** replied two entrances total. One major and one minor entrance.

**Action taken: received and filed.**

#### 4. Neighborhood Nuisance Code Enforcement Program

**Matt Jordan, Jack Brown, and Captain Gary Tabor** were present to advise DAB members and citizens of the proposed joint *Nuisance Code Enforcement Program* and receive feedback. **Jordan** provided an overview of the proposed program, which would increase the number of staff with the authority to enforce neighborhood nuisance codes and remove the violations more quickly. Violations covered in residential areas only would include:

- Junk vehicles
- Illegal front and side yard parking
- Noxious weeds
- Trash, junk, debris
- Illegal outdoor storage
- Nuisance lighting
- Graffiti
- Illegal right of way signage

Proposed changes include:

- Enforcement authority given to OCI, Environmental Health, Public Works-Storm Water, Police, and Fire personnel.
- Number of steps required to enforce violations greatly reduced.
- Increased emphasis on abatement/clean-up.
- Reduction on time to correct violations (5 days to citation).
- Increased emphasis on City clean up of properties (recovery cost charged to property owner).
- Increased budget for nuisance abatement program.

**Jordan** stated that the City is developing a single phone number for reporting nuisance code violations, which would likely include a phone menu and allow the caller to leave a voice message – a response would be given within twenty-four hours.

**David Babich** asked why there was a need for an increased budget.

**Jordan** replied the additional funding would be used towards removing blight. Mowing, towing, and hauling is paid by the City of Wichita, 25-50% is recovered.

**Michele Chauncey** asked if these changes would put additional strain on the Wichita Police Department.

**Captain Tabor** replied that many of these types of calls are already taken by the WPD. Currently these calls are referred to the appropriate department. These changes will allow WPD to handle these issues directly. WPD will be able to write citations or refer to the appropriate inspector.

**Action taken: received and filed.**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Donte Martin  
 Neighborhood Assistant  
 District II